

# HOUSE BILL No. 1017

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2; IC 9-20-4-2.

**Synopsis:** Weight regulation of motor vehicles. Defines: (1) "commercial motor vehicle", "gross combination weight rating", "gross combination weight", and "gross vehicle weight rating" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles to comply with federal standards; and (2) "gross vehicle weight" for purposes of commercial motor vehicles. Provides for an exception relating to overweight vehicles for certain vehicles transporting wood chips, bark, and sawdust. Makes technical corrections.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-31, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2012,  
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 31. (a) "Commercial motor vehicle" means,  
4 except as provided in subsection (b), a motor vehicle or combination  
5 of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property  
6 if the motor vehicle:  
7 (1) has a gross combination weight rating **or gross combination**  
8 **weight** of at least twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds,  
9 **whichever is greater**, including a towed unit with a:  
10 (A) gross vehicle weight rating; **or**  
11 (B) **gross vehicle weight**;  
12 of more than ten thousand (10,000) pounds;  
13 (2) has a:  
14 (A) gross vehicle weight rating; **or**  
15 (B) **gross vehicle weight**;



- 1 of at least twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds, **whichever**  
 2 **is greater;**  
 3 (3) is designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers,  
 4 including the driver; or  
 5 (4) is:  
 6 (A) of any size;  
 7 (B) used in the transportation of materials found to be  
 8 hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials  
 9 Transportation Act; and  
 10 (C) required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials  
 11 Regulations (49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F).  
 12 (b) The bureau of motor vehicles may, by rule, broaden the  
 13 definition of "commercial motor vehicle" under subsection (a) to  
 14 include vehicles with a gross declared weight greater than eleven  
 15 thousand (11,000) pounds but less than twenty-six thousand one  
 16 (26,001) pounds.
- 17 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-70.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 18 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 19 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 70.1. "Gross combination weight", for**  
 20 **purposes of section 31 of this chapter, means the:**  
 21 **(1) gross weight of the power unit and any load thereon; and**  
 22 **(2) total weight of the towed unit and any load thereon.**
- 23 SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-70.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 24 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 25 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 70.2. "Gross combination weight rating"**  
 26 **means:**  
 27 **(1) the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded**  
 28 **weight of a combination or articulated motor vehicle; or**  
 29 **(2) in the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer,**  
 30 **the total of the:**  
 31 **(A) gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit; and**  
 32 **(B) total weight of the towed unit and any load thereupon.**
- 33 SECTION 4. IC 9-13-2-71 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 71. "**Gross vehicle**  
 35 **weight" or "gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle without load,**  
 36 **plus the weight of any load on the vehicle.**
- 37 SECTION 5. IC 9-13-2-71.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 38 AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 39 **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 71.4. "Gross vehicle weight rating" means**  
 40 **the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a**  
 41 **motor vehicle.**
- 42 SECTION 6. IC 9-20-4-2, AS AMENDED BY THE TECHNICAL



1 CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS  
 2 AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
 3 PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. (a) Section 1 of this chapter relating to vehicle  
 4 weight, ~~IC 9-30~~ **section 3 of this chapter** assessing a penalty for  
 5 transporting a load in excess of the registered limit of the load for the  
 6 transporting vehicle, and ~~IC 9-30~~ **section 3 of this chapter** prohibiting  
 7 a person from moving a transported vehicle with an excess load until  
 8 a penalty is paid do not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles  
 9 that transports:

10 (1) farm commodities from the place of production to the first  
 11 point of delivery where the commodities are weighed and title to  
 12 the commodities is transferred if the weight of the vehicle with  
 13 load or combination of vehicles with load does not exceed the  
 14 gross weight limit by more than ten percent (10%); or

15 (2) wood chips, bark, and sawdust if the weight of the vehicle  
 16 with load does not exceed either:

17 (A) the gross weight limit; or

18 (B) the axle weight limit;

19 by more than ten percent (10%).

20 (b) The ~~exemption~~ **exemptions** in subsection (a) ~~does do~~ not apply  
 21 to the following:

22 (1) Weight limits imposed for bridges or sections of highways  
 23 under ~~IC 9-20-1-4~~. **IC 9-20-1-3**.

24 (2) A vehicle operated on any part of an interstate highway.

25 **SECTION 7. An emergency is declared for this act.**

